

Remarks/Arguments

Amendments to the specification are embodied in a substitute specification submitted herewith. Likewise, the claims have been amended to more clearly reflect the invention. Even in light of these amendments, no new matter has been added. It would be appreciated if the Examiner would indicate the acceptance of this amendment in the next office communication.

Specification

The specification has been amended to include proper idiomatic English. The specification has also been amended to include an abstract on a separate sheet of paper. Further, section headings have been added to the specification, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.77(b). These amendments to the specification are embodied in the substitute specification submitted herewith.

Claims

35 USC § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, and 5 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

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which the Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, claims 1, 4, and 5 have been amended so that every element has a proper antecedent basis and so that missing language has been added.

35 USC §§ 102 and 103

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Togoshi (US Patent No. 4,843,859). Likewise, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 § USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Schwarze (US Patent No. 5,499,522). The Examiner also rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwarze. However, the Examiner found allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 and only objected to those claims as being dependent from a rejected base claim.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to encompass all of the limitations of claim 2. Thus, the allowable subject matter of claim 2 has been embodied in claim 1 and all the remaining claims depending therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested and favorable consideration and allowance of the claims solicited. Should the

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Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the amendments submitted herewith, or the allowability of the claims, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number provided below for purposes of facilitating prosecution of this application and for scheduling an interview, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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